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Check on Ragging in Universities
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases of ragging reported from different universities across the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the action taken against guilty students for indulging in ragging;

(c) whether University Grants Commission has asked universities and colleges across the country to ensure that all complaints of discrimination and harassment are dealt with promptly;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has also set up toll free anti-ragging helpline to be accessed by students in distress;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to control the menace of ragging in the colleges?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): Details are attached in Annexure.
(b): Of 1545 ragging complaints received by the University Grants Commission (UGC) during the last three years and in the current year, 1445 cases have been fully redressed. The remaining 100 cases are at an active stage of investigation and redressal.
(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Chairman, UGC, has sent letter No. F.91-1/2013 (GS) dated 6.11.2015 to all Universities regarding policy of Zero Tolerance with regard to harassment. Secretary, UGC, has also sent letter No. F.1-15/2015 (ARC) dated 4.2.2016 to all universities regarding strong measures to implement Anti-Ragging Regulations in the Universities.

(e) & (f): Yes, Madam. A nationwide toll free 24X7 Anti-Ragging Helpline No. 1800-180-5522 in 12 languages has been established which may be accessed by students in distress.

(g): To address the issue of ragging in Educational Institutions, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has brought out the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009. Recently, these regulations have been further amended by enlarging the definition of ragging. These regulations are to be followed by all higher educational institutions. The UGC has also developed the Anti-Ragging Website i.e. www.antiragging.in. The Portal contains the record of registered complaints received and the status of the action taken thereon. UGC has also developed the Anti-Ragging Mobile Application for filing the complaint on ragging, filing the anti-ragging undertaking and for calling the Toll Free Anti-Ragging Helpline Number and same may be downloaded.

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